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31 Arrested for DUI During Second Weekend of National DUI Crackdown

Dover – Delaware Law enforcement officers arrested 31 individuals for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol during the 31 weekend of the national impaired driving crackdown: *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* Sixteen of the DUI arrests were made by officers from State and municipal police agencies who were conducting dozens of DUI saturation patrols. These officers also issued 10 citations for seat belt violations, and another 212 citations for other violations including speeding, aggressive driving, and drug possession.

The remaining 15 DUI arrests were made at sobriety checkpoints. Two sobriety checkpoints were conducted last weekend (August 22nd & 23rd). Participating agencies included the New Castle County DUI Task Force and the Seaford and Laurel Police Departments who conducted a joint DUI checkpoint.

At the checkpoints, in addition to the 15 DUI arrests, officers issued 3 citations for underage drinking violations, apprehended 3 wanted individuals, made 5 drug arrests, 3 felony arrests, recovered one stolen vehicle and issued 6 seat belt as well as 83 citations for various other traffic violations.

Three DUI checkpoints and 212 DUI Saturation Patrols are scheduled for the Labor Day weekend. The National Impaired Driving Crackdown began August 15th and will run through Labor Day. The crackdown is coordinated locally by OHS. In all, 32 state and local police agencies will conduct stepped up DUI saturation patrols as well as checkpoints. For weekly and ongoing campaign statistical updates please visit our website at www.ohs.delaware.gov and click on the *Checkpoint Strikeforce* icon in the center of the page. For more information about the *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* Campaign, visit www.stopimpaireddriving.org.

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